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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 14 are pending. Claims 15-18 are canceled.

In accordance with the Office action dated 11/7/2006, claims 15-18 have been canceled such that only allowable claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 14 remain pending.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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